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WASHINGTON, MAY 2 (AP)—AFTER TWO DAYS OF HEARINGS ON THE U.S. ROLE IN THE ABORTIVE CUBAN INVASION, SEN. J. WILLIAM FULBRIGHT, D-ARK., SAID TODAY THE OPERATION AS A WHOLE WAS A MISTAKE FOR WHICH THERE WAS A "COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY."

FULBRIGHT, CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, SAID HE MEANT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE WHITE HOUSE, THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT, THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

PRESIDENT KENNEDY HAS SAID THAT AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE HE SHOULDERS RESPONSIBILITY FOR U.S. INVOLVEMENT.

FULBRIGHT MADE HIS COMMENTS TO NEWSMEN AFTER HIS COMMITTEE SPENT ABOUT FOUR HOURS QUESTIONING CIA OFFICIALS, INCLUDING DIRECTOR ALLEN DULLES AND RICHARD M. BISSELL JR., DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR PLANS. THE LATIN AMERICAN SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE PARENT COMMITTEE HEARD SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN RUSK YESTERDAY BEHIND CLOSED DOORS.

FULBRIGHT SAID HE WOULDN'T FORECLOSE THE POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER HEARINGS. HE SAID IT WOULD BE UP TO THE COMMITTEE TO DECIDE WHETHER TO CALL IN MILITARY LEADERS FOR QUESTIONING.

BEFORE THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN SPOKE, SEN. FRANK CHURCH, D-IDAHO, TOLD NEWSMEN THE ILL-FATED CUBAN INVASION WAS A "POORLY CONCEIVED" MILITARY ACTION.

"I ASSUME OUR MILITARY ADVISERS ARE INVOLVED THERE, UNLESS THE CIA IS INVOLVED IN MILITARY STRATEGY." CHURCH ADDED.

"THE INVASION ACTION WOULD APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN INADEQUATELY CONCEIVED IN TERMS OF THE SIZE OF THE FORCE INVOLVED."

CHURCH SAID THAT THE TWO DAYS OF HEARINGS LED HIM TO CONCLUDE THAT A DUAL MISTAKE WAS MADE.

"COMMUNISM CAN'T BE SHOT DOWN IN LATIN AMERICA," HE SAID. "IT MUST BE WHOWN UP, AND THIS SHOULD BE THE OBJECT OF OUR POLICY."

"BUT WHEN A RESORT TO ARMS WAS TAKEN IN CUBA, THEN THE ERROR WAS COMPOUNDED BY ALLOWING A CORPORAL'S GUARD TO ATTEMPT AN ARMY'S WORK."

DULLES TESTIFIED IN CLOSED SESSION FOR AN HOUR AND 45 MINUTES BEFORE HURRYING OFF TO A MEETING OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL AT THE WHITE HOUSE. THEN BISSELL, WHO REPORTEDLY PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE FOR THE CIA IN THE INVASION ATTEMPT, WAS INTERROGATED FOR NEARLY TWO MORE HOURS.

WHILE DULLES WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN QUESTIONED ABOUT THE CIA'S OPERATIONS AROUND THE WORLD, FULBRIGHT SAID AFTERWARDS THE QUESTIONING WAS CONFINED ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY TO CUBA.

BUT HE SAID THAT DULLES, WHEN ASKED ABOUT WHAT ONE SENATOR SAID WAS A REPORT THAT THE CIA INSTIGATED THE GENERALS' REVOLT IN ALGIERS, DENOUNCED THAT AS "ALL LIES."

AS FOR CUBA, THE CHAIRMAN REFUSED TO PINPOINT RESPONSIBILITY ON THE CIA OR ANY OTHER PART OF THE GOVERNMENT, INSISTING THROUGHOUT HIS TALK WITH REPORTERS IT WAS "A COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY."

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FULBRIGHT WAS ASKED IF DULLES CONCEDED THE CIA MADE A MISTAKE.

"HE CONCEDED WHAT THE OPERATION WAS NOT SUCCESSFUL," FULBRIGHT REPLIED, AMID LAUGHTER BY REPORTERS.

FULBRIGHT SAID HE WAS SUPPORTED IN THE PAST AND QUITE LIKELY WILL SUPPORT AGAIN A PENDING BILL TO SET UP A JOINT SENATE-HOUSE COMMITTEE TO SERVE AS A WATCHDOG GROUP OVER CIA'S OPERATIONS.

AS FOR THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE INQUIRY, HE SAID A DECISION WILL BE MADE LATER ON "WHERE WE GO FROM HERE" IN THE CUBA BRIEFINGS, BUT THAT MORSE'S SUBCOMMITTEE HAS AUTHORITY TO CONTINUE ITS OWN INQUIRIES..

"INsofar AS I'M CONCERNED, I KNOW ALL I WANT TO KNOW," FULBRIGHT SAID.

FULBRIGHT REFUSED TO DISCLOSE ANY DETAILS OF THE CIA TESTIMONY. "THE CIA'S PART IN THIS WAS SECRET," HE ADDED. "THIS IS A SENSITIVE AGENCY."

EARLIER, SENATE DEMOCRATIC LEADER MIKE MANSFIELD OF MONTANA SAID CONGRESS MAY INQUIRE BUT HAS NO PLANS TO INVESTIGATE THE CUBAN REVOLT AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL EVENTS. TALKING TO REPORTERS AFTER THE WEEKLY MEETING OF CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS WITH KENNEDY AT THE WHITE HOUSE, MANSFIELD EXPLAINED:

"IN AN INVESTIGATION YOU ARE LOOKING FOR SCAPEGOATS. IN AN INQUIRY YOU ARE LOOKING FOR FACTS.

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